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Carpet Industry
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons engaged in the carpet industry in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the details of the core centers of carpet industry in the country;

(c) the problems being faced by the carpet industry; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the carpet industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
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(a): As per the estimation by Carpet Export Promotion Council, there are around total 20 lakhs workforce engaged in the Indian Handmade Carpet Industry directly or indirectly. The State−wise figures of workforce are not available at present.

(b): The cores centers of Carpet Producing in India are as follows:-

Uttar Pradesh - Bhadohi, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Agra, Sonbhadra, Saharanpur, Sahajanpur, Jaunpur etc.
Jammu & Kashmir - Baramullah, Pandipura, Anantnag, Badgam, Leh, Pulwama, Kupwara, Srinagar & Jammu.
Rajasthan - Jaipur, Tonk, Bikaner etc.
Haryana - Panipat, Sonepat.
Punjab - Amritsar, Ambala, Pathankot.
Himachal Pradesh - Dharamshala.
Gujarat - Baruch.
Andhra Pradesh - Eluru.
Telangana - Warrangal.
Odissa - Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Dhenkanal.

(c): The following problems are being faced by the Carpet Weavers and Exporters in the Carpet industry as reported by Carpet Export Promotion Council;
1. Problems in importation of Wool due to Animal Quarantine Clearance Certificate.
2. Non-inclusion of Handmade Silk Carpets in interest Equalization Scheme @ 3% on pre & post shipment export credit.
3. Non eligibility of "Merchant Exporter" in Interest Equalization Scheme @ 3% on pre & post shipment export credit.
4. Discontinuation of 2% Bonus benefit of Duty Credit Scrip.
5. Non-reflection of shipping Bills on DGFT Server for which the exporters are deprived from the MEIS benefit.
6. Reduction in Duty Drawback rates by 0.10% to 1 % from 23rd November, 2015.
7. High Import Duty in South Africa, Latin American Countries (LAC) China, Russia etc.

(d): The steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the carpet industry as follows:-

1. 5% Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) Scrip on exports of Hand Made Carpets and other Floor Coverings under MEIS.

2. 3% Interest Equalization Scheme on Pre-Shipment & Post Shipment Credit.

3. Market Development Assistance (MDA) Grant and Market Access Initiative (MAI) Assistance for participation in Fairs & Exhibitions/Reverse/Buyer-Seller Meet in India & abroad.

4. Assistance provided by the Government for marketing study, branding, participation in Fairs & Exhibitions, Buyer-Seller Meet in India & abroad etc. through Marketing and other Scheme.

5. Setting up of Mega Clusters in Bhadohi-MirZapur & Srinagar for increasing manufacturing and exports.

6. Providing Skill Development Training for Carpets weaving.

7. Providing financial assistance for running Carpet Weaving Training Centres in Bhadohi-Varanasi-Mirzapur areas for creating new Artisans/ Weavers with stipend.

8. The Excise & Customs Duties paid for importing inputs are refunded through Duty Drawback channel.

9. Setting up of Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT) at Bhadohi.

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